TRINITY
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Dear Trinity Parish Family,

We are writing to inform you of a serious and immediate security concern affecting Trinity Episcopal Church. The rhetoric surrounding recent online posts and news coverage has escalated sharply. Comments and imagery directed toward Trinity, its clergy, staff, and congregation have become sufficiently disturbing to raise concerns for the safety of our church community.

It appears that Trinity has become a target, and language circulating online has drawn the attention of people with no connection to our parish.

In consultation with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, we retained professional security as a necessary precaution. Parishioners should expect to see a Sheriff's patrol car in the church parking lot and a security presence during Sunday services. Security will also be present during our regular weekly operations.

Every member of Trinity has a responsibility not to add fuel to this situation. On behalf of the entire parish, please do not engage with hostile online commentary, repeat rumors or innuendo, forward inflammatory posts, or share internal parish communications. Even an effort to defend Trinity online can amplify the material, extend its reach, and encourage further escalation.

We do not share this information to create panic. We share it because the dire consequences of continued escalation must be understood. Trinity's clergy, staff, volunteers, and worshippers should not be placed in danger by rumor, online provocation, or circulation of inflammatory material.

Please pray for the safety of everyone who enters Trinity's doors, for wisdom and steadiness among our clergy and leadership, and for an end to the anger and hostility now surrounding our parish. As followers of Christ, we are called to be sober-minded, watchful, and peaceful—and to refuse words or actions that deepen fear or division.

Yours in Christ,

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